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(54) Title: GENES DIFFERENTIALLY EXPRESSED IN HUMAN PROSTATE CANCER AND THEIR USE

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to compositions, kits, and methods for detecting, characterizing, preventing, and treating human prostate cancers. A variety of novel markers are provided, wherein changes in the levels of expression of one or more of the markers is correlated with the presence of prostate cancer.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 45 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 8, 13, 45-48, 51, 53-56
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
1-66 partly

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: Invention 1: Claims 1-66 partly

An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ.ID.No. 1 of Table 1; a vector and host comprising said nucleic acid; an isolated peptide encoded by said nucleic acid; an antibody which binds to said polypeptide; a method for producing said polypeptide; a method for detecting said polypeptide or said nucleic acid and their use in the diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer and for the screening of compounds which inhibit prostate cancer.

2. Claims: Inventions 2-22548: Claims 1-66 partly

Idem invention 1, but for SEQ.ID.No. 2 to 22548 respectively, as set forth in Tables 1, 5, 8 and 9, wherein each sequence represents an individual invention, i.e. invention 2 relates to SEQ.ID.No.2, through to invention 22548 representing SEQ.ID.No.22548

3. Claims: Inventions 22549-25868: Claims 1-66 partly

Idem invention 1, but for SEQ.ID.No. 1 to 3323 respectively, as set forth in Table 2, wherein each sequence represents an individual invention, i.e. invention 22549 relates to SEQ.ID.No.1 of Table 2, through to invention 25868 representing SEQ.ID.No.3323 of Table 2.

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Continuation of Box 1.2

Claims Nos.: 8, 13, 45-48, 51, 53-56

Present claims 8, 13, 46, 47, 51 and 53 relate to a compound defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely by its ability to bind to a polypeptide respectively a nucleic acid encoding said protein.

The claims cover all compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for NONE of such compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compound by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, NO search has been carried out for those claims.

Present claims 45, 54 and 56 relate to (the use of) a test composition/compounds defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely by its ability to alter the level of expression of a marker gene for prostate cancer.

The claims cover all test compositions/compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for NONE of such test compositions/compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the test composition/compound by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, NO search has been carried out for those claims.

Present claims 48 and 55 relate to (the use of) a compound defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely by its putative ability to inhibit prostate cancer.

The claims cover all compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for NONE of such compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compound by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, NO search has been carried out for those claims.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of

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claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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